

ALDWARK AREA PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT ALDWARK MANOR HOTEL, ALDWARK
ON THURSDAY 18 JULY 2013 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors: Colin Stroud (Chairman), Henry Dean, Allan Boddy.

No members of the public were present.

13/59 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Apologies were received from Cllr Roland Crooke, Cllr Alison Pollock and the Clerk Nigel Knapton. There were no declarations of interest.

The Chairman informed the meeting that due to pressures of work and other commitments, Cllr Pollock had resigned from her position on the Council. Members were sorry to lose Alison from the Council and the Chairman had written to her thanking her for her service to the Parish.

The Returning Officer had been informed and notices of the vacancy would be displayed on Parish noticeboards.

13/60 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2013

Minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

13/61 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

13/62 CLERK'S REPORT & MATTERS ARISING

- a. Shorn Dyke Footbridge has still not been repaired. Cllr Stroud had contacted NYCC and had been assured that a new bridge would be installed as soon as possible.
- b. NYCC Highways road repairs – The clerk had been informed that the road from Aldwark Bridge to Alne Cross would be repaired in August and repairs to the road from the Bridge to Aldwark Church were being assessed. A pothole in the road from Aldwark to Flawith would be repaired as soon as possible. No funds were available to repair the second fingerpost in Flawith. Members were pleased with this news but disappointed that Hag Lane and Linton Woods Lane in Youlton were being neglected once again. The Chairman had written to the NYCC requesting that these roads be repaired.
Members agreed that the safe condition of local roads for motorists and cyclists was a priority for the Parish Council. The schedule of proposed future works, recently received from NYCC was noted with interest.
- c. Map of new ward area form Boundary Commission – The Clerk would report on this at the next meeting.
- d. NYCC Local Account in respect of adult care response – The Chairman had completed the questionnaire and had been thanked by NYCC for his comments.
- e. Website Charges – A cheque for overpayment had been received from Tollerton P.C.
- f. Presentation of the Accounts - The Clerk would order software, as soon as it was available, to present the accounts in a simpler format.

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13/63 **PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public were present.

13/64 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- a. 13/01081/FUL – Alterations and extension to existing holiday cottage at OS Field 5513, Straight Lane, Aldwark for AR & JM Boddy. **Wish to see approved.**
- b. 13/01154/FUL – Installation of a flue to an existing agricultural workshop building to serve new biomass boiler at Youlton Lodge, Youlton for MJ & CE Newland. **Wish to see approved.**
- c. 12/00269/FUL – Discharge of condition – 03 materials – attached to application 12/00269/FUL at Woodholme Farm, Aldwark for Colin Brooksbank. **Details of the materials to be used were not available. Members were happy to leave this to officers' discretion.**

13/65 **HAMBLETON DC – PLANNING DECISIONS & APPEALS**

- a. 12/02092/FUL – Extension to stock building plus demolition of existing fold yard structure and construction of a replacement fold yard at Home Farm, Aldwark for R Proudley & Sons. **Granted.**
Members were surprised that this had been granted. It seemed to breach a condition of a previous application for another building. This had been approved subject to the landscaping of the piece of land which they believed was being used for the proposed new building, because it was so close to a neighbouring property. The Clerk was asked to look into this.
- b. 13/00790/FUL – Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian and construction of a polytunnel and an equestrian storage building at Poppycroft Pastures, Tholthorpe for Mr D Duffield. **Granted.**

13/66 **POLICE**

PC Clare Mayes was unable to attend. PC Chris Jones had confirmed that he would try to attend the September meeting.

13/67 **STREET LIGHTING**

Cllrs Stroud and Dean had attended a meeting organised by NYCC to discuss a proposal to save energy by switching off certain street lights between midnight and 5am. It had subsequently been agreed that two streetlights in Aldwark and Flawith would be exempted and would remain lit for security reasons. Members agreed this was a satisfactory arrangement and felt that the energy-saving was justified.

13/68 **CHAIRMEN'S MEETING**

The proposed meeting with the Chairmen of Alne and Tollerton Parish Councils scheduled for 16th July had been postponed and would be re-arranged as soon as possible.

13/69 **WASTE SPREADING**

The chairman reported on correspondence with Anne McIntosh MP who had written to the Chief Executive of NYCC. Mr Flinton had replied saying it was 'not the role of the County Council to galvanise other agencies nor bypass their authority' and advised the

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Parish Council to continue to liaise with the Environment Agency and the Hambleton DC Environmental Health Officer.

Members were disappointed by this response from Mr Flinton which contradicted the resolution of the NYCC Hambleton Committee on 28 Jan when, "Members agreed that the County Council should co-ordinate a response to the concerns raised by the Parish Council".

It was agreed that the Chairman should write to Mr Flinton pointing this out.

Members also discussed legal advice it had received from the National Association of Local Councils on this matter. This had concluded that any action taken by the Council on the grounds that the spreading constituted a public or private nuisance, would be difficult and costly.

It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should arrange a meeting between Coast to Coast and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council before the end of September, to negotiate fresh guidelines for its activities in the Parish.

13/70 TELEPHONE ADOPTION

The Clerk was authorised to sign the adoption agreement with BT for the kiosk in Aldwark. The Chairman had approved the purchase of paint to enable a volunteer to paint the kiosk but it was agreed that any further expenditure should be deferred until the use of the kiosk had been agreed. Local residents would be invited to comment on this.

13/71 WINTER WEATHER AGENTS

The Rural Action Yorkshire Winter Weather Agents Toolkit had been circulated and was explained to members by the Chairman. After discussion it was agreed that the informal arrangements previously agreed by the Council would suffice. Local residents should be encouraged to look out for other residents who might become vulnerable in extreme weather conditions, perhaps through a future newsletter article.

13/72 PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Leisure – Play area. Nothing to report.
- b. Roads, pavements and grass verges. Cllr Boddy reported that verges would be trimmed again shortly.
- c. Public Communications – Nothing to report.

13/73 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. Bank balances, actual vs. budget and receipts and payments were noted.
- b. The attached payments were agreed.
- c. It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare a draft budget for 2014/15 for consideration at the September meeting.

13/74 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was noted and attached.

RAF Linton-on-Ouse Anniversary event – 10 August 2013. It was regrettable that publicity for this event had still not been received. However the Chairman had placed a suitable notice on parish noticeboards and circulated an invitation that could be emailed to local residents. Cllr Crooke and Stroud hoped to attend.

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13/75 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

It was regretted that County Cllr Sowray was not present and it was hope that he would be able to attend the September meeting.

13/76 **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT**

Cllr Knaption was not present.

13/77 **PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Superfast Broadband North Yorkshire - The Chairman had attended a presentation regarding this project which aims to deliver 25Mbps high speed broadband to 90% of households in N Yorks by 2014. It was not clear yet what this will mean for our villages and he recommended that residents registered their interest on the website at <http://www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com>

There is also a special £3m fund for promoting SFB to local businesses.

The project is willing to give local presentations and it was agreed that this should be arranged jointly if possible with Tollerton and Alne PCs.

Aldwark Footpath Enquiry – A visitor had complained that a public footpath in the village lacked signage and was difficult to use. Members recalled that this had been raised before and agreed that the matter should be referred to NYCC Footpaths Officer.

RAF Parade and York Minster Service on 15th September – Cllr Dean agreed to represent the Parish Council

YCLA AGM on 20th July – Members were unable to attend.

13/78 **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Vacancy on the Parish Council.

Draft Budget for 2014/15.

13/79 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 September 2013 at 7.30pm at Aldwark Manor Hotel.

The Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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Chairman

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Payments

10/07/2013	SLCC	Subscription	£19.95
10/07/2013	SLCC	Conference	£23.18
10/07/2013	Nigel Knapton	Salary & Expenses	£183.20
10/07/2013	HMRC	PAYE	£40.80
10/07/2013	BT	Telephone Box Adoption	£1.00

Correspondence Received

10/07/2013	BT	Adoption contract
21/05/2013	Bartletts	Tree Tips
23/05/2013	Hambleton DC	Property Name Change
25/05/2013	HSBC	Bank Statement
30/05/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Application 13/01081/FUL
03/06/2013	NYCC Highways	Capital Programme
03/06/2013	Rural Action Yorkshire	Winter Weather Agents
10/06/2013	NYCC Highways	Road closures
30/06/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Application 13/01154/FUL
30/06/2013	HSBC	Commercial Banking
30/06/2013	HSBC	Bank Statement
02/07/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Decision 12/02092/FUL
02/07/2013	Clerks & Councils Direct	Magazine
10/07/2013	Hambleton DC	Planning Decision 13/00790/FUL

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